

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 1-27, 29-33 and 35-47 are allowed and 28 and 34 are rejected.

Claim 28 has been amended herein to delete the misspelled word "betaene" and substitute the word "betaine" therefor. Claim 34 has been canceled and claim 46 has been amended to delete the word "betaene" and substitute the word "betaine" therefor.

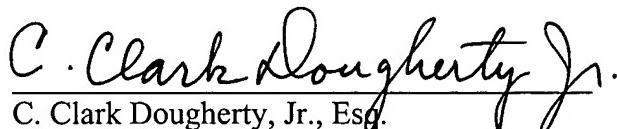
The Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1-27, 29-33 and 35-47 and the allowance of claim 28, the cancellation of claim 34 and the correction of claim 46 are respectfully requested. This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed on October 14, 2004.

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